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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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Application No.	09/977,204	Group Art Unit	3682
Filing Date	October 16, 2001	Examiner	Vinh LUONG
CPA Filing Date		Confirmation No	3598
Title of Invention	VEHICLE PEDAL DEVICE WHEREIN NON-OPERATED POSITION OF OPERATING PORTION IS ADJUSTABLE IN LONGITUDINAL DIRECTION OF VEHICLE		

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)


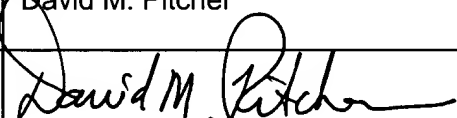
- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 13, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

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Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other

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	BASIC FEE	\$ 750.00
Since an Official Action set an original due date of August 19, 2003, petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110))		110.00
Suspension Fee (\$130.00)		
Total of above Calculations =		\$ 860.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).		
TOTAL FEES DUE =		\$ 860.00
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Small entity status: a. <input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status. b. <input type="checkbox"/> A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is no longer claimed. 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
6. METHOD OF PAYMENT		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$750.00 for the RCE is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$110.00 for the One-month Extension of Time is enclosed. Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)		
7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to: Deposit Account No. 19-3935.		
8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS		
STAAS & HALSEY LLP  21171 PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE		
9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED		
NAME	David M. Pitcher	REGISTRATION NO. 25,908
SIGNATURE		DATE September 22, 2003

The due date for filing now being September 22, 2003, because of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office hurricane weather closures on September 18 and 19 comprising Federal Holidays within the District of Columbia, and September 20 and 21 being Saturday and Sunday. See 37 C.F.R. 1.6(a)(1) and MPEP 510.